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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-5504)

DATE: 4/26/63

FROM: SA JOSEPH P. MC MAHON

SUBJECT: NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD  
IS-C; ISA, 1950

On April 9, 1963, GEORGE HECKERT (conceal by request), Chief Investigator, State Bar of California, 601 Mc Allister Street, San Francisco, California, furnished SA FRANCIS T. DAVIS of the San Francisco Office, with a copy of a Certification of Membership dated January 22, 1963, signed by DAVID B. FINKEL, Secretary, Los Angeles and Hollywood-Beverly Hills Chapters of the National Lawyers Guild, as well as copies of the membership lists of thw two chapters. This material is located in 100-5504-1055 through 1059.

The individual identified below was listed as a member in good standing of the chapter indicated as of the date of the certificate:

Los Angeles Chapter

( )

Hollywood-Beverly  
Hills Chapter

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Ben Kagan  
9025 Wilshire Blvd.  
BH  
CR 3-2400

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Birthplace

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Sex

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☐ Female

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☐ All References

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100- ) DATE: 5/4/64

FROM : SA JOSEPH P. MCMAHON

SUBJECT: BEN KAGAN  
SM-C

On April 9, 1964, GEORGE HECKERT (conceal by request), Chief Investigator, State Bar of California, San Francisco, California, furnished the San Francisco Office copies of the following:

1. Certification of Membership in the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild, dated 1/15/64, signed by DAVID B. FINKEL, Secretary;
2. Certification of Membership in the Hollywood-Beverly Hills Chapter of the NLG, dated 1/15/64, signed by DAVID B. FINKEL, Secretary;
3. Letter to the Conference of State Bar Delegates, 1/23/64, from FINKEL listing two changes.

This material is located as 100-5504-1144-1147.

The individual identified below was listed as a member in good standing of the chapter indicated below of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD as of the date of the certificate:

Los Angeles Chapter ( )

Hollywood-Beverly Hills Chapter (x)

BEN KAGAN  
6527 Morse Avenue  
Hollywood, California

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, *Los Angeles* (100- )  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (100-2760)  
SUBJECT: *Ben Kagan*  
SM-C

DATE: 9-21-64

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On 9/17/64, [redacted]

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed, made available the current mailing list of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG). [redacted]

[redacted] a 3 letter symbol in the lower right hand corner, the significance of which is unknown to him.

Attached hereto is a reproduction of the Subject's name and address as taken from this list. The original of this mailing list is maintained in Detroit File 100-2760-1B3.

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A characterization of the NLG is attached hereto.

Ben Kagan, Esq.  
6527 Morse Ave.  
North Hollywood, Calif. LAM

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## APPENDIX

### NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD (NLG)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents."

"Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 of the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.

3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \*\*\* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100- )

FROM : SA JOSEPH P. MC MAHON

SUBJECT: BEN KAGAN  
SM - C

DATE: 5/12/65

On May 4, 1965, GEORGE HECKERT, Chief Investigator, State Bar of California, 601 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California, (protect identity), furnished to the San Francisco Office a list of members of the Los Angeles and Hollywood-Beverly Hills Chapters of the National Lawyers Guild in good standing as of April 20, 1965. There was no breakdown as to which chapter the individual belonged. The original list is maintained as LA 100-5504-1273, 1274.

The above captioned individual was listed as follows:

BEN KAGAN  
(Res.) 6527 Morse Avenue,  
Hollywood, ~~California~~

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